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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No.	2835-73549
First Inventor	Donald C. Boyle
Title	RETRACTABLE COUPLING APPARATUS
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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

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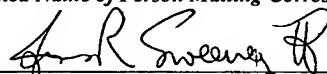
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